

The First Principles

Class 4 • Paul's "Faithful Sayings"

- We looked at the "Gospel" because it is described by Scripture as something that must be believed before baptism - One of our definitions of a First Principle
- We looked at nine (9) First Principles lectures in Acts. Lectures designed specifically to lead the hearers to faith, repentance and baptism.
- Paul frequently uses the words, "This is faithful saying...", "This is a true saying", "This is good and acceptable", "Sound words", "without controversy" or "Consider what I say"
 - There is some belief that he was actually quoting from a book called, "Sayings of Faith"
 - Kind of an early Christian "Statement of Faith"
- Whether this is true, or not, these words are clearly used by Paul to set out some First Principle teaching that he wanted to stress to the Brethren, and of which there could be no argument. "Faithful Sayings" that if they believed in them, they would have an opportunity for Eternal Life.
- Next we'd like to look at nine (9) of Paul's "Faithful Sayings":
 - 1st Timothy 1:15
 - 15) This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. **#6**
 - 1st Timothy 2:3-6
 - 3) For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;
 - 4) Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.
 - 5) For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; **#2 #8** – *The Mediatorship of Christ* **#5**
 - 6) Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. **#6**

• 1st Timothy 4:9-11

- 9) This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.
- 10) For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.
- 11) These things command and teach. **#2**

• 2nd Timothy 1:9-13

- 9) Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, **#9**
- 10) But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: **#10**
- 11) Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.
- 12) For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.
- 13) Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

• 2nd Timothy 2:7-8

- 7) Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.
- 8) Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel: **#5 #7**

• 2nd Timothy 2:11-13

- 11) It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: **#10**
- 12) If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: **#13**
- 13) If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

• 2nd Timothy 3:16-17

- 16) All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **#1**
- 17) That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

• Titus 2:11-15

- 11) For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, **#4**
- 12) Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;
- 13) Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; **#9**
- 14) Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. **#6 #15**
- 15) These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

• Titus 3:4-8

- 4) But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,
- 5) Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; **#15**
- 6) Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;
- 7) That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. **#14**
- 8) This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.